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May 2025

St. Petersburg Shell Club, Inc.

Founded 1936

Web site: stpeteshellclub.org

Celebrating
our
89th year!

Shell Club meetings are held on the first Friday of the month, except June, July, August, & December at the **Seminole Recreation Center, 9100 113th Street North, Seminole**. The doors open at 6:30p.m. and the meetings start at 7:00p.m. The public is always invited.

Please remember that our May meeting will be on the second Friday, May 9th.



Conus kahiko Kohn, 1980. Holotype (USNM 783139. Late Pleistocene of O'ahu, Hawai'i, 120,000 years old. Extinct Hawaiian endemic species.

Ref: Kohn, Alan J. May 1980. *Conus kahiko*, A New Pleistocene Gastropod from Oahu, Hawaii. JOURNAL OF PALEONTOLOGY, v. 54, No.3, P. 534-541, 3 TEXT-FIGS.,

THE SHELL COLLECTOR'S CODE OF ETHICS

I realize that molluscs are part of our precious national wildlife resources, therefore:

I WILL make every effort to protect and preserve them not only for my own future enjoyment, but for the benefit of generations to come.

I WILL always leave every shelling spot as undisturbed as possible.

I WILL take only those specimens needed for my collection and for exchange at the time... Shells in a box cannot reproduce while I am waiting for a place to send them.

I WILL leave behind the damaged and the young specimens so that they may live and multiply.

I WILL **NOT** collect live egg cases unless they are to be used for study, and then, only in small quantities.

I WILL **NEVER** "clean out a colony" of shells.

I WILL practice and promote these conservation rules in every way possible.



A MESSAGE FROM THE DESK OF YOUR PRESIDENT

Hi all,

Here we are in May getting ready for our summer break. But wait, shell-related events aren't over yet. The North Carolina Shell Show is at the beginning of May in Moorehead, NC. Also, we'll be attending the Conchologists of America convention this July held in Corpus Christi, Texas. The conventions are always a major event years in the planning. The first one we attended happened to be in Corpus Christi back in 1994, so it will be great to return to the area. I strongly encourage everyone to attend a COA convention. It's like nothing you've ever experienced before. In 2026, the convention will be held in Bradenton, Florida. This is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy this event closer to home here in the Tampa Bay area.

Our annual Picnic will be May 10th, joint with Suncoast Conchologists, at Philippe Park Pavilion #8, 11AM. Food & Fun. More details inside this issue.



Wishing you all safe and happy shelling.

John

Please note that our May meeting will be on the **second** Friday of the month, May 9th. Mark your calendars.

Forecast Minus Tides

May

1 Thu 11:30PM -0.3
3 Sat 12:39AM -0.3
11 Sun 7:27PM -0.2
12 Mon 8:01PM -0.3
13 Tue 8:37PM -0.3
14 Wed 9:17PM -0.3
15 Thu 10:02PM -0.3
16 Fri 10:53PM -0.3
17 Sat 11:47PM -0.2
19 Mon 12:42AM -0.2
24 Sat 5:54PM -0.2
25 Sun 6:47PM -0.4
26 Mon 7:39PM -0.6
27 Tue 8:32PM -0.6
28 Wed 9:26PM -0.6
29 Thu 10:20PM -0.4
30 Fri 11:12PM -0.3

June

1 Sun 12:03AM -0.2
8 Sun 6:39PM -0.2
9 Mon 7:17PM -0.3
10 Tue 7:55PM -0.3
11 Wed 8:34PM -0.3
12 Thu 9:14PM -0.3
13 Fri 9:55PM -0.3
14 Sat 10:36PM -0.3
15 Sun 11:18PM -0.2
22 Sun 5:53PM -0.3
23 Mon 6:50PM -0.4
24 Tue 7:44PM -0.5
25 Wed 8:33PM -0.5
26 Thu 9:19PM -0.4
27 Fri 10:01PM -0.3
28 Sat 10:38PM -0.2

July

8 Tue 7:08PM -0.2
9 Wed 7:48PM -0.3
10 Thu 8:25PM -0.3
11 Fri 8:59PM -0.3
12 Sat 9:33PM -0.3
21 Mon 5:58PM -0.3
22 Tue 6:53PM -0.3
23 Wed 7:41PM -0.3
24 Thu 8:21PM -0.3
25 Fri 8:55PM -0.2

Tides are for Pass-a-Grille. Other specific locations may be up to 2 hours later or earlier. Listings from saltwatertides.com.

Club Officers and Committees

President John Jacobs
Vice President Robert Gould
Recording Secretary open
Treasurer Kathy Hofstad
Newsletter Editor John Jacobs
Directors at Large: Jane McKinney, Otis Taylor
COA Representative John Jacobs
Refreshments open
Photographer John Jacobs
Field Trips Entire Board
Corresponding Secretary open
Shell Show Chair Jerry Puigdomenech
Annual Picnic the Board
Raffle/Door Prizes Cheryl Jacobs
Facebook Cheryl Jacobs
Webmaster Cheryl Jacobs.

Upcoming Club Meetings
6:30PM Meet and Greet, 7PM Meeting

May 6: Suncoast meeting 7PM

May 9: St. Pete meeting 7PM. Mary Ellen Akers will be presenting one of her outstanding educational presentations.

May 10: Annual Picnic. See details in this issue.

No meetings June, July, August

Sep 2: Suncoast Conchologists meeting 7PM.

Sep 5: St. Pete meeting 7PM.

UPCOMING SHELL SHOWS & RELATED EVENTS

May 2-4: North Carolina Shell Show

Crystal Coast Civic Center, 3505 Arendell St.,
 Morehead City, NC

July 7-12: COA Convention Corpus Christi, Texas

Registration forms available on
conchologistsofamerica.com

Aug 29-31: St. Petersburg Winter Gem Show

The Coliseum, 535 4th Ave N., St. Petersburg,
 FL

Oct 4-5: Florida Fossil Hunters Fossil Fair

Sanford Civic Center, 401 E. Seminole
 Blvd, Sanford, Florida

Nov 1-2: Gulf Coast Shell Show

Lyndell Senior Center, Panama City Beach, FL

Happy Birthday Toasts

Birthday Shells per R. Tucker Abbott

May—Emerald nerite
 (*Smaragdia viridis*)



May

1-Jerry Puigdomenech
 16-Tina Baldwin
 23-Mary Ellen Akers
 28-Betty Wedman-St.
 Louis

June—Pearl oyster
 (*Pinctada margaritifera*)



June

1-Jennifer Kotimaki
 7-Maureen Keefe
 12-Julianne Benedict-
 Dolney
 13-Karla Mason
 26-Dianna Kellie

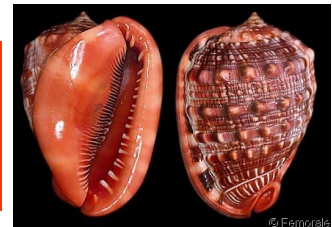
July—Strawberry top
 (*Clanculus pharaonius*)



July

7-Debi McCreary
 20-Save Hattangadi
 22-Matthew Newcomb
 28-Peggyann Ankrom

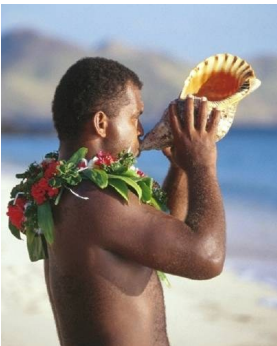
August—Cameo helmet
 (*Cypraea cassis rufa*)



August

11-Gloria Gould
 21-Crystal Dean
 24-Save Geiger
 29-Cheryl Jacobs

Show 'n Tell



Bring that special shell to the meeting and talk for a few minutes about it. What was it that appealed to you about that shell? Was it the color, the family, the location it came from?

Do you have a question on the identification of a shell? Whatever the reason, blow your horn, show it off.





Bailey-Matthews
National
Shell Museum
& Aquarium

The Bailey-Matthews National Shell Museum & Aquarium

The Living Gallery of Aquariums is now open at a reduced admission. An abalone exhibit is on temporary display on the second floor along with the outstanding photographic art of Amy Tripp. The gift shop is also open.

The staff of the museum is working hard to design and construct the exhibits in the Great Hall. While an exact completion time can't be determined yet, the hope is that all will be done in a few months. Meanwhile, the live tanks present the opportunity to see living molluscs you normally might not get a chance to see in the wild. This includes the new giant Pacific octopus.

Several interesting Tide Talks are being planned. Registration can be made via the museum's web site when the talks are scheduled.

Also, by becoming a member, you will be supporting this wonderful institution. Additionally, donations can be made via the Museum's website at shellmuseum.org. At the top of the home page is a **Donate** button.

This isn't just a museum. Researchers here conduct vital research expanding our knowledge of molluscs, especially in the Florida, Gulf of Mexico and Caribbean areas. If you have a specific interest and wish to examine the Museum's specimens, you only have to ask.

The Bailey-Matthews is a national treasure which deserves to continue its goal of educating and bringing awareness of these fascinating animals which have a lineage going back more than 500 million years. Let's keep the Museum going for generations to come.



The giant Pacific octopus taking up residence at the Museum.



Conchologists of America, Inc.

2025 COA Convention

When: July 7-12, 2025

Where: Corpus Christi, Texas

To participate in the presentations and silent auctions, **you must be registered**. Registration forms are available on the COA web site conchologistsofamerica.org.

The convention consists of the Welcome Party, Presentations/Talks, Silent Auctions, the Banquet, an Oral Auction, and the Dealers Bourse. No registration is required to attend the Oral Auction and the Bourse. The Bourse can consist of up to 10,000 square feet of space with dealers from around the world displaying a huge variety of shells and shell-related items.



Picnic Time!

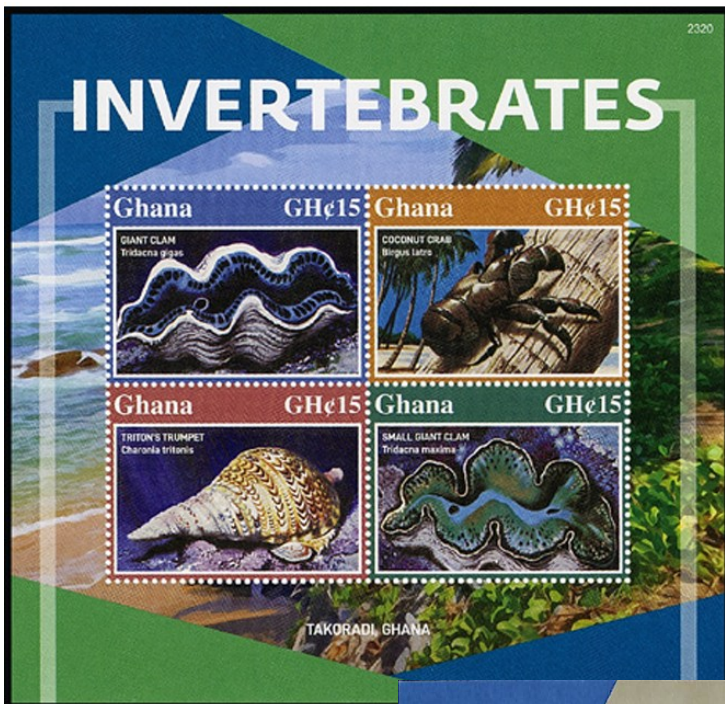
Our annual picnic will take place May 10th in Philippe Park, Shelter #8, starting at 11AM and going to about 3PM. This is a joint venture with Suncoast Conchologists. The cost is \$5 to cover the expense of the burgers and hotdogs, condiments, etc. If you wish to attend, please contact us by May 6th through the club's email at stpeteshellclub@gmail.com. Let us know how many in your party and the side dish/dessert you can bring. Also, bring your own drinks and lawn chairs if desired. We would like to have the payment as soon as possible, but at the May 9th meeting would be fine.

Just so you know, Yogi is not invited.



Mollusca on stamps

Ghana issued the below miniature sheet of 4 in May 2023. The problem is that the designs are a blatant rip-off of a Marshall Islands issue from 1986. Depicted are *Tridacna gigas*, *Tridacna maxima*, *Charonia tritonis* & the coconut crab *Birgus latro*. Ghana also issued a souvenir sheet with the set depicting the giant African snail, *Lissachatina fulica*.





Ca. 1940s-1950s postcard of The Nautilus Shellcraft store located in Sarasota along US Hwy 41. It no longer exists, however.

Bulla occidentalis (A. Adams, 1850)

Western Striate Bubble is a member of the Family Bullidae. It can be very abundant in seagrass beds in Gulf of Mexico estuaries. It's unusual in that it's shell is semi-transparent, and changes appearance noticeably between live animals, and dead empty shells. The longer the shell remains in the sediment, the more chalky and opaque it will appear. These bubbles were collected from a *Halodule* patch near Anna Maria Island, about 1 cm.

Submitted by Steve Geiger



This juvenile colossal squid (*Mesonychoteuthis hamiltoni*) was imaged for the first time in its natural habitat by *SuBastian* (a remotely operated vehicle) deployed by the research vessel *Falkor* (too) near the South Sandwich Islands in the South Atlantic Ocean at a depth of 600 meters during March 2025.



Adult colossal squid compared to human.

St Petersburg Jewelry, Gem and Mineral Show
August 29 - 31, 2025

The Coliseum
 535 Fourth Ave N
 St Petersburg, FL

Family Fun!

Beads
 Crystals
 Fossils

Jewelry
 Minerals
 Meteorites

2025 FOSSIL FAIR

Florida Fossil Hunters

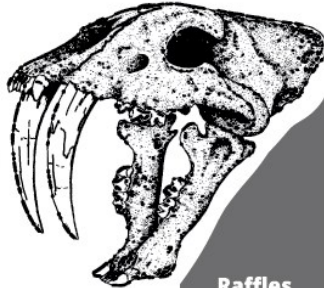
Thirty-Fourth Annual
**Fossils, Rocks,
 Gems & Minerals**

Saturday, October 4, 2025

9:00am - 5:00pm

Sunday, October 5, 2025

10:00 - 4:00pm



\$6.00 Adults | \$2.00 Children

**LEARN to dig in Florida and
 see what can be discovered!**

Sanford Civic Center

401 E. Seminole Blvd,
 Sanford Florida 32771

A picturesque location
 right off Lake Monroe
 (across from the marina)

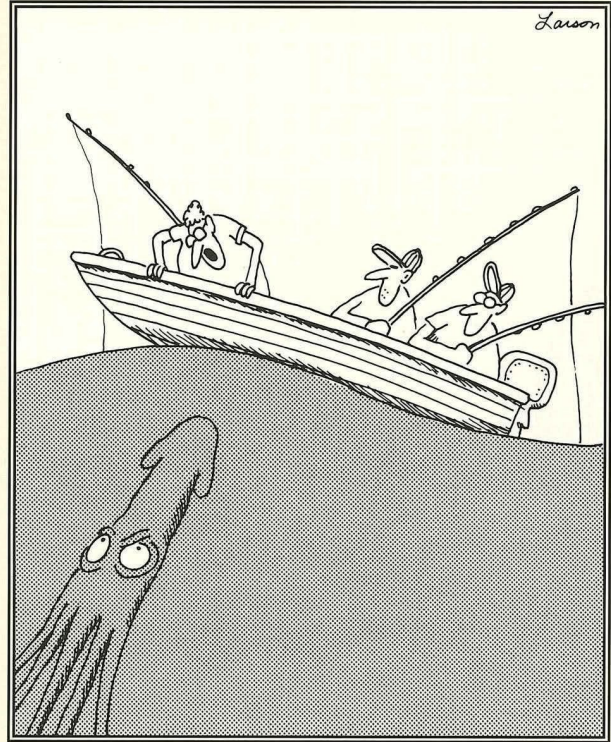


For more information
 contact us at one of the following info@floridafossilhunters.com,
 (cell) 407-721-0481 or 407-699-9274, or visit
www.floridafossilhunters.com

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 Vendors
 Silent
 Auctions
 Children's
 Activities
 Educational
 Displays
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 INDOORS!

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Larson



"Look out, everyone! ... We're being attacked
 by a giant sq ... well, no ... I'd say
 medium squid!"



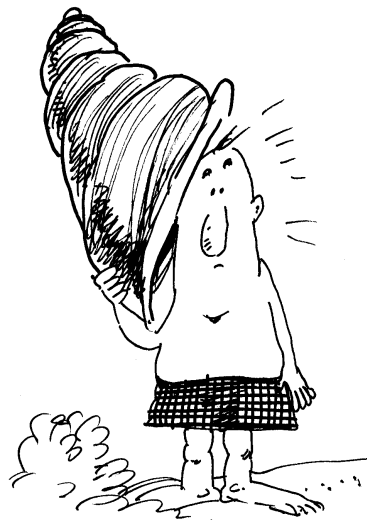
Slipper snails (family Calyptraeidae) are often neglected by beachcombers and shell enthusiasts. Accordingly, here are the slipper snails you may find on the coast of Southwest Florida, including Sanibel and Captiva islands: 1 – Spiny Slipper Snail ([*Bostrycapulus aculeatus*](#)); 2 – Circular Chinese Hat ([*Calyptraea centralis*](#)); 3 – Black-foot Slipper Snail ([*Crepidula atrasolea*](#)); 4 – Depressed Slipper Snail ([*Crepidula depressa*](#)); 5 – Common Atlantic Slipper Snail ([*Crepidula fornicata*](#)); 6 – Spotted Slipper Snail ([*Crepidula maculosa*](#)); 7 – Little Speckled Slipper Snail ([*Crepidula ustulatulina*](#)).

Calyptreaeidae of Southwest Florida. Illustration: José H. Leal

Have I renewed ?

Our club membership runs from January to December. If you are not sure if you have renewed, please call or email us.

Contact Cheryl & John Jacobs
stpeteshellclub@gmail.com
or 813-309-2608



“It’s
never too
early to
renew.”

St. Petersburg Shell Club, Inc.
Founded 1936
Annual Dues: Individual \$15.00
Family \$20 (1 copy of TIDELINES per household)

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Return the application to the membership chairperson at the address below.

Please complete—Detach and Return

New Member: Individual _____ Family _____
Renewal: Individual _____ Family _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Apt# _____

City, State, Zip: _____

E-mail: _____

Birthday: _____ Shell Interests: _____

“Tidelines” Newsletter: Email _____ Regular Mail _____

If you use another address part of the year, please list where & when here:

Return to: Membership Chairperson
P. O. Box 3472
Seminole, FL 33775-3472

Membership \$ _____

Shell Show Awards and Ribbons Fund \$ _____

Total \$ _____

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